

Laurel Woman Charged with 5th Offense DUI After Crash-Frankford

Frankford— The Delaware State Police have arrested a Laurel woman after she was involved in a vehicle crash and found to be under the influence.

The incident occurred on August 1, 2019, at approximately 10:30 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the intersection of DuPont Boulevard and Berry Road, Frankford, for a crash. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that the operator of a Chevy Malibu failed to stop at the stop sign on Berry Street and collided into a Ford Truck.

Upon contact with the operator of the Malibu, 60-year-old **Gloria J. Smith**, Troopers detected an odor of alcohol and a DUI investigation ensued. A computer check revealed that Smith had four previous DUI convictions, making this her fifth offense.

Smith and her 54-year-old female passenger were transported to the Nanticoke Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the truck, a 23-year-old male from Maryland sustained minor injuries and was treated and cleared on scene by EMS.

Upon release from the hospital, Smith was transported back to Troop 4 where she was charged with the following:

- 5th Offense Driving Under the Influence
- Vehicular Assault Third Degree (2 counts)
- Driving While Suspended
- Failure to Stop At a Stop Sign

Smith was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and

committed to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on \$7,501.00 cash only bond.

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